



**EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
  
THRU : Chief, Operations Group  
  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--August 1986

I. GENERAL

1. On 11 August Togolese Interior Minister Kpotivi Lacle announced that nine Togolese nationals had been arrested on 23 July. They reportedly had planned to place explosives at the U.S. Embassy and the main market in Lome. According to the minister, the terrorist plan also included destabilization of "several West and Central African states." There was widespread speculation in the West African media that American interests in the Ivory Coast were among the targets. One of the terrorists was reported as saying that the explosives in their possession at the time of arrest had been supplied by "a member of the Libyan Embassy" in Cotonou, Benin.

2. Work on an Embassy FSN wage survey has resumed with the return to post of the personnel officer assigned to finalize the survey. The officer expects that it will take 3-4 months to complete data collection.

3. As a result of the declining dollar, the Abidjan post cost of living allowance (COLA) was increased this month from class 35 to 42.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Israeli Prime Minister Shim'on Peres visited Cameroon on 25 and 26 August during which time the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries was announced. The visit followed the announcement 2 days earlier of a major natural disaster in northwest Cameroon in which a gas leak caused by volcanic activity killed approximately 1700 people. Numerous reports were filed for the BBC Newsburo on the disaster and subsequent international relief efforts.

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## B. Communications

The Bureau experienced extended communications outages over the last half of the month as TCU grappled with a persistent equipment problem in the satellite interface. On several occasions the Bureau was forced to hand-carry punched tapes to the Embassy for relay through CPU's facility, and to use Telex for priority items.

## C. Technical

1. After unsuccessful local attempts to fully diagnose what we suspect is a damaged hard disk, the bureau's IBM-XT and hard disk were returned to headquarters for diagnosis and repair on 25 August.

2. The Bureau has recently experienced a problem resulting from unanticipated switching of signal polarity on the AFP landline. The engineering staff has modified the incoming line to permit the editorial staff to adjust the polarity as needed.

## III. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. [ ] assumed duties as the Bureau's part-time financial/administrative assistant on 11 August, replacing [ ] who departed post on 24 July.

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2. Part-time French translator [ ] submitted her resignation, effective 10 October. She has accepted an editorial assistant position with the World Bank in Abidjan. We are now in the process of testing applicants for [ ] position as well as for a full-time monitorial vacancy which will occur with the retirement in December of Chief Monitor [ ]

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## IV. POST ACTIVITIES

The Bureau chief participated in a country briefing for General Richard L. Lawson, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), and his 10-member party who visited Abidjan 13-14 August.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

## Abidjan Bureau Production Report for August 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	209330
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	13200
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	679

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7967.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in

French

3770

Parakou Domestic Service in

French

0

Cotonou EHUZU in

French

0

## BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in

French

29420

Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in

French

0

Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in

French

0

## CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in

English

1470

Yaounde Domestic Service in

French

7120

Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in

English

0

Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in

French

0

## CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in

Portuguese

140

## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in

French

0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	4030		
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	0		
CONGO Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	2650		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
*Brazzaville MWETI in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	360		
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		8470	
Paris AFP in French		18030	
Paris Diplomatic Information Service in French		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			2920
GABON Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	7690		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	2090		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA Accra Domestic Service in English	26470		

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Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GUINEA Conakry Domestic Service in French	3140		0
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST Abidjan Domestic Service in French	2970		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			700
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			650
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
LIBERIA Monrovia Domestic Service in English	0		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	19670		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
MALI Bamako Domestic Service in French	5100		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0

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## MAURITANIA

Nouakchott Domestic Service in

French

2150

Nouakchott CHAAB in

French

0

## NIGER

Niamey Domestic Service in

French

1140

Niamey LE SAHEL in

French

0

Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in

French

0

## NIGERIA

Lagos International Service in

English

0

Lagos Domestic Service in

English

28300

Kaduna Domestic Service in

English

300

Lagos NAN in

English

1780

Lagos DAILY TIMES in

English

0

Lagos THE GUARDIAN in

English

0

## SENEGAL

Dakar Domestic Service in

French

6150

DAKAR PANA in

english

5610

Dakar PANA in

French

5750

Dakar LE SOLEIL in

French

0

## SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in

English

930

Freetown DAILY MAIL in

English

0

## THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in

English

0

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TOGO

Lome Domestic Service in  
French

4220

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in  
French

0

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in  
French

1220

Kinshasa AZAP in  
FrenchKinshasa ELIMA in  
French

4920

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